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RUMORS: TRUE OR FALSE?

One of the most explosive documents bought by French and KGB agents in New Delhi was an Indian plan to attack a Pakistani facility believed to be a nuclear bomb factory. FALSE.

I tracked this story through my sources in the CIA, and they assured me it wasn't true--for the simple reason that no such Indian document existed to be stolen and sold. As best my sources can figure it out, the rumor can be traced to a Senate Intelligence Committee meeting, of all places. Last fall at a super-secret briefing, a CIA official made an off-the-cuff remark about the possibility that India was considering a pre-emptive strike, similar to the Israelis' attack on an Iraqi nuclear facility a few years ago. Someone apparently leaked the comment, and it grew as it traveled halfway around the world to India.